over administrative control of the Cooperative Society Ltd. Super Bazar, Delhi. It was informed by Government of NCT Delhi that the proposal of Government of India for transfer of Super Bazar to NCT of Delhi was not approved by Cabinet of Government of Delhi. Similarly, National Cooperative Institutions and other Multi State Cooperative Societies from Delhi and other states are also not willing to manage the affairs of Super Bazar.

Seven major cases of Super Bazar were referred to CBI for investigation. The CBI submitted part of its finding in few cases which, in the opinion of the Department, were to properly looked into. The Department with the approval of the competent authority has once again requested Director, CBI to fix criminal liability on the part of formal Chairman, Super Bazar and others. Report from CBI is awaited. Simultaneously the Liquidator, Super Bazar has also been requested to expedite disposal of vigilance cases relating to charges on the officials of Super Bazar pending before the newly constituted Disciplinary Committee of Super Bazar.

(b) As soon as the report from CBI is received, the Department would initiate action to finalize those cases. Apart from this, most of the disciplinary cases against the officials of Super Bazar have been decided by the newly constituted Disciplinary Committee of Super Bazar and the rest of the cases are likely to be decided soon.

Old foodgrains with FCI

1964. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the approach paper to the Tenth Plan found that half of FCI's grain stock was two years old;

,(b) whether it is also a fact that some grain stock is as old as sixteen years;

(c) if so, the details of the grain stock that are two, three, four and more than five years old;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the foodgrains stored more than a year is not consumable by human beings;

(e) if so, the quantity of the consumable foodgrains in the FCI stocks; and

(f) how old was the grain supplied to the drought affected States in 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Though the Draft Approach Paper of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) had stated that half of the stocks of the FCI was at least two years old, the FCI has now informed that of its present stocks of foodgrains only 11.40% are over two years old.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The details of the stock of grain two, four and more years old held by the FCI as on 30.06.2003 is an under:-

(Figures in MTs)

Commodity	2-3 years old	3-4 years old	4-5 years old	More than 5 years old	Total
Wheat	81,172	1,76,619	65,823	11,414	3,35,028
Rice	12,35,694	1.62,382	93,362	49,391	15,40,829
Paddy	1,855	1,018	0	980	3,853
Total	13,18,721	3,40,019	1,59,185	61,785	18,79,710

(d) The foodgrains stored and preserved in a scientific manner for more than 1 year are fit for human consumption so far as these conform to Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) standards.

(e) As intimated by FCI, 164.40 lakh MT of foodgrains is fit for human consumption and hence issuable. Another about 40,000 MT of foodgrains is also issuable but after proper upgrading.

(f) FCI issues FAQ foodgrains to States/UTs on "First in First out" basis and stocks of different crop years are being issued at different locations depending upon their availability.